# Bathavon North Forum meeting 17th March at Bathampton

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Kevin Guy and Sarah Warren was also in attendance.

There were handouts from Avon Fire and Rescue but no representation.

Mark Hinkley (B&NES) gave a presentation on the future of Bathampton Meadows. B&NES are in negotiation with the NT to make a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the B&NES land on the meadows. There is commitment on both sides to find a solution and they expect the agreement to be completed in the next few months. B&NES and the NT will then work to engage the public in what people want from the meadows area. The NT are also in discussion with other land owners on the meadows to increase the area under NT management. B&NES would retain ownership of the footbridge at Batheaston.

There was a presentation on bringing empty properties back into use by Debbie Freeman (B&NES). There are about 200 domestic properties in B&NES that have been empty for more than 2 years. A team at B&NES work to bring these back into use.

Kevin Guy said B&NES want to send a clear message to EU nationals living in the region that they are valued members of our community and B&NES will support people in making applications under the EU Settlement Scheme.

There were also handouts on the CAZ and B&NES Waste and Litter strategy.